GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS AND LPG AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of L.P.G. retail outlets and other distributors appointed in each state of the country during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 ;

(b) the number of distributors proposed to be appointed during 2001-2002 ; (

(c) whether the number of distributors at present is sufficient ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of consumers benefited therefrom ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : The number of Retail Outlets (ROs) and LPG distributorships commissioned by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies during the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 in the country is as under:-

Year	Retail Outlets	LPG distributorships
1999-2000	455	489
2000-2001	417	259

(b) : The selection of ROs / LPG distributorships is made through Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) in a phased manner and it is not possible at this state to indicate the exact number of allotments for ROs / LPG distributorships during the year 2001-2002.

(c) & (d) : As on 1.4.2001, 6477 LPG distributorships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating and the total customer strength with these distributorships was about 579 lakhs. Further to increase the supply of LPG in the country, OMCs have identified about 700 locations for setting up of new LPG distributorships under 1999-2000 Marketing Plan, apart from the locations pending for selection from previous Marketing Plans.